

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for fecal coliform bacteria in 12 shellfish propagation waters located in Lancaster County, Virginia.

The impaired segments are located in the following watersheds:

VDH Shellfish Growing Area 20 - containing three TMDLs, Condemnation 20-41A W. Br. Carter Creek, Condemnation 20-41B Central Branch Carter Creek, Condemnation 20-41C E.Br. Carter Creek; and

VDH Shellfish Growing Area 21 - comprising Condemnation 21-132A W. Br. Corrotoman River , Condemnation 21-132B Senior Creek, Condemnation 21-58A Hills Creek, Creek Condemnation 21-58B Bells Creek, Condemnation 21-58C E. Br. Corrotoman River, Condemnation 21-205 Taylor Creek, Condemnation 21-198 Myer Creek , Condemnation 21-187A Ewells Point, and Condemnation 21-187B Millenbeck Creek.

The affected water body segments are identified in Virginia's 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standard for fecal coliform bacteria in shellfish waters. Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia, require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

This is the first public meeting, to provide information and solicit participation of citizens and local government in the preparation of the draft report on fecal coliform TMDL's. The meeting will be held on February 27, 2007 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the General District Courtroom of the Lancaster County Courthouse, 8311 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster, Virginia. Directions can be obtained by calling Chester Bigelow at (804) 698-4554. The public comment period will begin on February 28, 2007 and end on March 29, 2007. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Chester Bigelow and should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments. Requests should be sent to Chester Bigelow, Department of Environmental Quality, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23240, telephone (804) 698-4554, Fax (804) 698-4116, or by email ccbigelow@deq.virginia.gov.